

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kazuyuki Kabe
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For: PNEUMATIC TIRE WITH BELT LAYER
INCLUDING A PLURALITY OF STRIP
PIECES AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING THE SAME (as
amended)
Art Unit: 1791
Examiner: Johnstone, Adrienne C.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This IDS is submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), after the C.F.R. § 1.97(b) time period, but before the mail date of a Final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance (whichever occurs first), with either:

- (a) a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e); or
- (b) the \$180.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

Applicant(s) submit herewith Form PTO-1449 (Information Disclosure Citation) together with copies of patents, publications or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe may be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. Applicant(s) respectfully submit that the citation of any reference on Form PTO-1449 does not constitute an admission that the reference qualifies as prior art.


It is requested that the information disclosed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$180.00 to cover the fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069.

Respectfully submitted,

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